Federal Communications Commission Ms. Marlene H. Dortch 445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW CY-B402 Washington, D.C. 02554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I support SBC Ameritech's opportunity to obtain long distance approval in Michigan. SBC's service quality is improving, and I believe they are ready to enter the long distance market. I think the company's entry into the market will force other phone companies to offer competitive prices and packages that include local and long distance service.

Our state needs to have full telecommunications competition, including the long distance market. Michigan residents deserve to enjoy lower phone bills, one stop shopping, and more choices. It's time to join other states in the country where consumers are enjoying the benefits of full competition.

Sincerely,

Don Williams, Sr. Concerned Citizen